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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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CAIRO AND JIDDA FOR HOLLIS OR UEBER

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TAGS: BEXP BTRA KU

SUBJ: NAM MISSION TO KUWAIT

REF: KUWAIT 4870

1. KUWAIT MINISTRY COMMERCE OFFICIALS MET WITH EMBOFFS AND
DAJANI OF MEMCO NOV 17 AND AS OF NOW KUWAIT PROGRAM WILL BE
AS FOLLOWS:

2. NAM MISSION ARRIVES 1700 FRIDAY NOV 22. GOK AND EMBASSY
OFFICIALS AS WELL AS OTHERS WILL MEET NAM MISSION MEMBERS WHO
WILL ENTER VIA VIP LOUNGE. EMBASSY DRIVER WILL PROCESS PASSPORTS
AND BRING BAGGAGE TO HOTEL. WOULD HELP IF ALL PASSPORTS,
HEALTH CARDS AND BAGGAGE TICKETS ARE READY TO GIVE HIM UPON
ARRIVAL.

3. MISSION MEMBERS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO HILTON HOTEL WHICH
ACROSS STREET FROM EMBASSY AND AT 6:30 PM AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS
WILL WELCOME AND BRIEF MISSION. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SHORT
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MEMCO BRIEFING. EMBASSY AND MEMCO INFORMATION KITS WILL BE

HANDED OUT AT EMBASSY. LIST OF INVITEES TO RECEPTION WILL BE INCLUDED IN EMBASSY KIT. FOLLOWING BRIEFINGS MISSION MEMBERS WILL BE FREE ALTHOUGH AT LEAST ONE LOCAL ASSOCIATE OF NAM MISSION MEMBER (SHAIKH NASER AL-ATHBI AL-SABAH WHO IN JOINT VENTURE HERE WITH OTIS ELEVATOR) PLANNING HAVE DINNER FOR HIS PARTNER.

4. ON SATURDAY NOV 23 NAM GROUP WILL ASSEMBLE AT HILTON LOBBY AT 8:30 AM. MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SET WITH MINISTER COMMERCE AND INUDSTRY AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT 9:00 AND WITH MINISTER ELECTRICITY AND WATER AT 12:00. WE HOPING FOR AUDIENCE WITH AMIR AND/OR CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER DURING 10:00 - 12:00 PERIOD. WE SHALL TRY TO ARRANGE TO SEE MINISTER FINANCE AND OIL ATEEQI AT 1:00. HE HAS AGREED TO SEE GROUP BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO STATE SPECIFIC TIME. OTHERWISE NEXT SESSION WILL BE AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 4:00 WHERE NAM GROUP WILL MEET SEVERAL OF THE VERY TOP INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN IN KUWAIT. EMBASSY/NAM RECEPTION AND KIC DINNER FOLLOW, BOTH AT HILTON, RESPECTIVELY AT 6:30 AND 8:30 PM. WE EXPECT RECEPTION TO COST IN THE AREA OF \$650-\$700.

5. ON SUNDAY NAM GROUP WILL ASSEMBLE AT HILTON LOBBY AT 7:30 AM. FIRST TWO MEETINGS WILL BE AT KUWAIT PLANNING BOARD WITH SULAIMAN AL-HAMAD, DIRECTOR GENERAL, SHUAIBA INDUSTRIAL AREA AND WITH AHMAD DUAIJ, DIRECTOR GENERAL KUWAIT PLANNING BOARD. AT 11:00 AM GROUP WILL MEET WITH ABDLATIF AL-HAMAD, DIRECTOR, KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE EXPECT MEMBERS OF PLANNING BOARD AND KFAED TO ATTEND RESPECTIVE SESSIONS.

6. AFTER KFAED MEETING THOSE LEAVING KUWAIT SHOULD CHECK OUT OF HOTEL AND HAVE PASSPORTS, LUGGAGE, ETC READY FOR PICK-UP. AT 1:00 ENTIRE MISSION IS TO HAVE LUNCH AT HOME MORAD YUSUF BEHBEHANI, VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESSMAN AND CARRIER AGENT. AT ABOUT 3:00 MISSION WILL DEPART DIRECTLY FOR AIRPORT.

7. COMMENT: KUWAITIS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY COOPERATIVE, WITH MINISTERS MAKING ROOM FOR APPOINTMENTS ON SAME DAY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY EXPECTED TO MEET. (NORMALLY MINISTERS ATTEND NA SESSIONS.) WE FEEL CERTAIN MEETINGS WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO GET ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ISSUES PAPER AND TO INFORM KUWAITIS OF NAM MEMBERS' INTERESTS, OBJECTIVES AND QUESTIONS. EXPECT THAT MEETINGS WILL AMOUNT TO SERIES SMALL PLENARY SESSIONS RATHER THAN ONE LARGE SESSION. AS DESIRABLE AS ONE LARGE MEETING MAY BE, SEVERAL SMALLER MEETINGS MOST THAT POSSIBLE HERE NOW. IN ANY CASE, KUWAITIS ARE FRANK AND TO THE POINT. NAM MISSION MEMBERS WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE INITIATING FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

8. RE MORE MUNDANE ASPECTS OF VISIT, AMINOIL WILL HAVE CARS AVAILABLE. GOK TAKING CARE OF SECURITY, PROTOCOL AND LANDING CLEARANCE ASPECTS. EITHER AMBASSADOR OR BOGOSIAN WILL ACCOMPANY NAM MISSION ON OFFICIAL CALLS.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING:

(A) PLEASE CONFIRM ARRIVAL TIMES OF BOTH PLANES.

(B) NEED TO KNOW WHO WILL LEAVE SUNDAY FOR TEHRAN AND WHO WILL REMAIN UNTIL MONDAY. IN THAT CONNECTION URGE NAM GROUP TO ASSURE AVAILABILITY NECESSARY HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS THROUGH MONDAY, IF NEEDED. (UNDERSTAND HILTON HAS GROUP BOOKED THROUGH SUNDAY AFTERNOON ONLY, AND HAS NO ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR MONDAY EVENING.)

(C) NEED TO KNOW SPECIFIC DEPARTURE TIMES.
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